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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 01-301)

PATENT

In re Application of:)
Alastair Hugh Chisolm, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/691,649) Examiner: Singh, Noel K.
Filed: October 17, 2000) Group Art Unit: 2153
For: Network Management Apparatus)
and Method for Identifying Causal)
Events on a Network)

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time, and the requisite fee of \$420.00.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2.

REMARKS related to the amendments begin on page 8.